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**PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: New Utility Patent  
Application by: Anuthep BENJA-ATHON, M.D.  
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Honorable Commissioner:

With reference to this filing, in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, of an application for a new utility patent by Anuthep Benja-Athon, M.D.: The prevention and treatment of disc herniation, enclosed please find:

(17) pages of Specification including Patent Application and Small Entity Declaration, (1) page of Abstract, (8) pages of Claims and (0) Sheet of Drawing.

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Respectfully submitted,

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